

**RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MEMBERSHIP
ON THE BAY-DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE**

January 12, 2007

Potential Criteria:

1. Will the applicant sign the Planning Agreement as is, without making changes?
2. Does the applicant support the goals of the BDCP including the development of an HCP and potentially an NCCP?
 - a. Does the participation of the applicant increase the odds that the plan will be adopted by the Steering Committee by consensus?
 - b. Will the applicant devote adequate time and resources to the process?
 - c. Is the applicant's governing board willing to adopt policies to support the BDCP process, even if this may be perceived as a change in policy direction?
3. Does the applicant represent an underrepresented interest? Does adding the applicant to the Steering Committee increase the ability of a community of interest to participate in the BDCP?
4. Does the applicant have specific expertise that would be useful or beneficial to the process?
5. Finally, it is recommended that applicants not be added if it would make the Steering Committee too large to be effective?

Process considerations:

1. Potential party submits a written request to Steering Committee chair.
2. Request is presented to Steering Committee who decides if they want to refer to Membership subgroup
3. Request reviewed by Membership subgroup using criteria and they forward a recommendation to the Steering Committee
4. Steering Committee considers the request and the recommendation and makes a decision consistent with the procedures in the Planning Agreement
5. Steering Committee chair responds to potential party in writing